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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ruola NING

Application No.: ~~Unknown~~ 09/640713 32

Filed: August 16, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
VOLUME TOMOGRAPHIC  
MAMMOGRAPHY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 16, 2001

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4, 19, 25-28, 43-44, and 78 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of developing a three-dimensional tomographic mammography image of a breast, the method comprising:

(a) providing a device for performing volume tomography imaging, the device